



“Learning Together”

Respect, Kindness, Tolerance, Responsibility, Co-operation

# Great Moor Junior School Newsletter

18th July 2025

## Goodbye and Good Luck

This will be the last newsletter before the summer holidays so we would like to wish all our Year 6 leavers the very best of luck at secondary school. Their SATs results were incredible and we are very proud of all they have achieved during their time at our school. The Year 6 Leavers' Assembly will be on Friday 25th at 11am. Only 2 seats per family will be allocated in order to get everybody in.

We will also be sad to say goodbye to Mrs Burns and Mrs Keenan who will be retiring after many years with us and I would like to wish them all the best in their next chapter. Miss Berry is also moving on to another teaching post and we would like to wish her all the best for the future. We will miss them all and thank them very much for all their hard work and dedication to the children of Great Moor Junior School.

I would also like to thank all of our incredible staff team here at Great Moor Junior school who work so tirelessly for the children. We are very lucky to have such fantastic staff.

We hope you all have a lovely summer holidays. School starts again on Tuesday 2nd September and we look forward to welcoming our new children into Year 3 then.

Thank you for your continued support.

## Y6 Production of Hoodwinked

Year 6 performed amazingly in their end of year show, Hoodwinked. Robin Hood was back in town, along with Maid Marian, the Sheriff of Nottingham, Friar Tuck and Richard the Lionheart. Well done to all of our pupils for showcasing their acting, singing and dancing talents! We had a merry time!



## Cross Country 2025 - 2026

The dates have been sent out for the 2025/2026 Cross Country League. Last year many of our pupils entered the Stockport Schools Cross Country events and did very well. Races are held at Woodbank Park on Saturday mornings (dates and times below) and there are 2 races for boys and 2 for girls depending on age. The route is clearly marked and very easy to follow. We are looking for runners in all categories. Last year, we had over 35 different runners from our school.

School will pay for the teams so there is no individual charge and children are awarded certificates in our Friday assembly. There will be staff at each race so that you know where to go. Children will be given a GMJS t-shirt for the race so we can look out for them during the event.

The cross country events are great fun and we want to put a big emphasis on co-operation and teamwork. There is also a cross-country page on the website which will be updated after each race with results.

<https://www.greatmoor-jun.stockport.sch.uk/page/cross-country/118257>

If your child would like to take part in the first race, it would be great if you could email Mr Garnett beforehand so we can have a list ready for the day so staff can look out for them. We will send reminders for each race.

joe.garnett@greatmoor-jun.stockport.sch.uk

The events start and finish at the Woodbank Park Athletics Stadium. The best Post Code for car park access SK1 4BN. It does get busy on the day.

Match 1	Saturday 20th September	10.30 - 12.30
Match 2	Saturday 18th October	10.30 - 12.30
Match 3	Saturday 22nd November	10.30 - 12.30
Match 4	Saturday 17th January	10.30 - 12.30
Match 5	Saturday 31st January 2026	10.30 - 12.30
Match 6	Saturday 28th February 2026	10.30 - 12.30

Presentation Day for top 10 overall 21st March 2026



	Race time	Approximate distance
Yr 3-4 Girls	10.30	1500m
Yr 3-4 Boys	10.50	1500m
Yr 5-6 Girls	11.10	2500m
Yr 5-6 Boys	11.40	2500m

## A Wonderful Reading Year!

The children have made a huge effort with their reading this year and their enjoyment and ability to understand their books is clear to see. Accuracy in Accelerated Reader quizzes is good and children are reading regularly. We'd really like children to keep up their good work over the holidays so we would like to remind children that [myON.co.uk](https://myON.co.uk) has lots of online books and is particularly good for non-fiction. We would like all school reading books returned by Wednesday next week please, but children can check the level of their own books at home using AR Bookfinder online. This way, it's easy to choose a book that is accessible and more likely to be enjoyable for them to read.

We look forward to a new year of reading in September!





## Year 4 Stockport Trail

Year 4 had an unforgettable trip to Stockport to learn all about our town's rich local history. We stepped back in time at the stunning Plaza, explored the back stage and even ventured into the eerie Stockport Dungeons to discover the grim punishments local criminals once faced. We took part in an exciting treasure history hunt along the historic Underbank and we even got to meet and pet the famous Robinson's horse, Challenger! Well done Year 4 for representing our school so well.



## Break the Rules Day

It was Break the Rules Day in school today. Everyone had a great time and there were a lot of the rules broken. As you can see from the pictures we had some 'interesting' hairstyles and a few tattoos that were supposed to be temporary? Thank you for the donations that were made to break a few rules!



## Ice Cream Shop

A very big 'thank you' to our wonderful ice cream sellers. Our Year 6 volunteers have worked tirelessly after school to run the school ice cream shop; serving the many customers with a cheerful smile and excellent customer service! Thank you for giving up your time.





## Penny Wars

The Penny War is over! Thank you so much to everyone who supported our school by participating in this event. The totals were counted and the winning class was 3A! For winning 3A will get an afternoon of activities chosen by the children! We couldn't do it without you all - thank you for your ongoing support.



## Lunchtime Helpers

Thank you to the fabulous lunchtime helpers who have been helping out Miss Seeds and Miss Howes by checking off the dinners from the register each day. Their help has been greatly appreciated.

## Librarians

Lots of children really enjoy visiting the school library at lunchtime or coming with their class. The library is kept organised and run efficiently by our team of Library Monitors who give up their time to do this. Thank you to all of our Library Monitors for all their hard work!



## Great Moor's Got Talent

Due to popular demand, we are excited to announce the return of *Great Moor's Got Talent*! After the success of past year's events, we can't wait to see the incredible talents of our students once again. The grand final will take place on Thursday.

### **Year Group Rounds**

Each year group has been holding its own round to narrow down the contestants. The finalists from each year group will then move on to the school-wide final. I know it has been a tricky job narrowing it down to 3 finalists from each year due to the huge amount and range of talents pupils have showcased!

### **The School Final**

All year group finalists will then take part in the final showdown on Thursday. The winners will be chosen by our special celebrity judging panel!

We are looking forward to it.

## Helping families with food during the holidays

Stockport Holiday Help Scheme, which starts on Monday 21 July, means that families can access a food parcel from Stockport Foodbank each week of the five weeks Summer Holidays which will provide 3 days worth of food tailored to the size of the family and, where possible, we will cater for any dietary requirements.

If any parents or carers are interested in accessing the Stockport Holiday Help Scheme, please contact Mrs Murphy (include email and the school's phone number) on or before 25th July. She will provide the necessary form to access Foodbank support during the summer break.

All enquiries will be handled confidentially and with discretion.

If you require support during term time and would like to discuss Foodbank Vouchers, please also get in touch with Mrs Murphy



## Play Leaders

A big thank you to all of our amazing Year 5 and 6 play leaders! Throughout the year, they have dedicated two of their break times each week to organise and run fun and engaging activities for our Year 3 pupils. From basketball and football drills to circuits, tennis games, and a variety of creative activities - they've provided an exciting range of options.

Not only have our play leaders developed new skills, but they've also been brilliant role models for our younger children. The Year 3 pupils have thoroughly enjoyed the sessions, and it's been wonderful to see them working together, co-operating, and building new friendships along the way.

As one group of Year 3 children put it: *"We love using the equipment and the games that the play leaders organise are really fun."*

Play Leaders will return next year, and applications will open in September for Year 5 and Year 6 pupils. Those who've taken part before are welcome to apply again.



## Web Warriors

A heartfelt thank you to our fantastic Web Warriors!

You've done an incredible job this year championing safe internet use and digital wellbeing across the school. Whether it was leading by example, offering support and advice to classmates, caring for our IT equipment, or assisting your teachers during Computing and iPad sessions — your contribution has been invaluable.

Many of you stepped outside your comfort zones to speak in front of larger groups, and you handled it brilliantly.

You've made a real impact in promoting online safety, and your efforts have helped place our school at the forefront of digital responsibility.

Thank you all for your commitment and enthusiasm!



## Free parenting support app from Greater Manchester and Stockport Family Hubs

One Stockport Family Hubs has partnered with Greater Manchester Family Hubs and Essential Parent to offer a free app for parents, parents-to-be and carers.

The app includes more than 2,000 expert-written videos and articles to support you from pregnancy through to your child's teenage years.

How the app works

You can personalise the app by adding your due date or your child's date of birth. This helps you receive tailored information for your stage of pregnancy or your child's age. You'll also get updates from your local Family Hub team.

The app includes details of local groups and services in Stockport, and the content is available in 75 languages.

To download the app click here <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/landing/family-hubs>





## School Councillors and Learning Ambassadors

It's coming to the end of the school year and we would like to say a huge thank you to our Learning Ambassadors and School Councillors. Both groups of children have worked tirelessly over the year, meeting at lunch times and working hard to act as a collective voice for our pupils. Councillors have been busy raising funds for Cancer Research, our chosen charity this year and organising fun events for pupils. Learning Ambassadors have liaised with governors each term and worked hard to improve the teaching and learning that has taken place in school. We are very proud of these pupils and grateful for their work in supporting school this way. Thank you, School Councillors and Learning Ambassadors!



## School Councillors



## Learning Ambassadors

### Attendance

The results are in! Thank you to all of our parents who try to ensure their child is in school every day when they are well enough to be. Children can miss a lot of learning in just one day and it's really important to make sure that doesn't happen if possible. Our attendance reward system has been in place all year and classes with the highest attendance each week have won £10 for their class. Well done to 3M who have raised the most money over the year. (Please note, we do not count any absences relating to ongoing medical issues in our weekly percentage.) Well done, everyone!



## After School Clubs

Next half-term's clubs are now on Parentpay ready for you to sign up for September. If you would like to sign up to tennis or Spanish please see leaflets below. September Year 3's will be able to sign up to our after-school clubs once they get the Parentpay activation letter on the first day in the Juniors (2nd September).

Please note that our after-school clubs do not start until the second week of term and Karate club starts the third week of term.

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUB DATES AUTUMN 1 2025

CLUB	YEAR	DAY	SEPT	OCT	Sessions	Tutor	Room
BASKETBALL	4, 5, 6	Monday	8, 15, 22, 29	6, 13, 20	7	Mr Cannon/Mrs Almond	FIELD
GIRLS FOOTBALL	ALL	Monday	8, 15, 22, 29	6, 13, 20	7	Mrs Almond/Mr Bushaw	FIELD
DRAMA	ALL	Monday	8, 15, 22, 29	6, 13, 20	7	Mrs Ogden/Miss Morrey	HALL
CRAFT	ALL	Monday	8, 15, 22, 29	6, 13, 20	7	Miss Macintyre	5M
BOARD GAMES	ALL	Tuesday	9, 16, 23, 30	7, 14, 21	7	Miss Moulsher	
SINGING	ALL	Tuesday	9, 16, 23, 30	7, 14, 21	7	Miss Doogan	3G
FOOTBALL	5 & 6	Tuesday	9, 16, 23, 30	7, 14, 21	7	Mr Cannon/Mrs Almond	FIELD
SPANISH	ALL	Wednesday	10, 17, 24	1, 8, 15, 22	7	Laura	4OL
KARATE	ALL	Wednesday	24	1, 8, 15, 22	5	Chantelle Unsworth	HALL
PHOTOGRAPHY	ALL	Wednesday	10, 17, 24	1, 8, 15, 22	7	Miss Conccar	
TAG RUGBY	ALL	Wednesday	10, 17, 24	1, 8, 15, 22	7	Mr Cannon/Mrs Almond	FIELD
KEYBOARD	ALL	Thursday	11, 18, 25	2, 9, 16, 23	7	Miss Taylor	SEN room
ART	ALL	Thursday	11, 18, 25	2, 9, 16, 23	7	Miss McCann	4C
ICT & TTRS	ALL	Thursday	11, 18, 25	2, 9, 16, 23	7	Mr Gill	ICT Suite
FOOTBALL	3 & 4	Thursday	11, 18, 25	2, 9, 16, 23	7	Mr Cannon/Mrs Almond	FIELD
DANCE	ALL	Thursday	11, 18, 25	2, 9, 16, 23	7	Miss Moston	HALL

SEPT/OCT  
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**THURSDAY  
AFTERSCHOOL  
TENNIS CLUB**

**Thursday After School Tennis**  
All Year Groups

Cost: £42pp (7 week course)

Fun, structured group coaching for all abilities. Session will run whatever the weather (indoor provision in bad weather). Equipment will be provided.

All sessions are lead by LTA Professional Ben Bush. Ben is the Head Coach at Davenport Tennis Club. Ben is First aid trained and has up to date DBS and safeguarding documentation.

Ben will collect the children from the yr3 corridor and walk them to Davenport Tennis Club. (Flowery Field, Woodsmoor, SK2 7ED). Parents can collect children from the tennis club at 4.30pm.

Places are limited and allocated on a first come first served basis.

**STARTS  
THURSDAY 11TH  
SEPTEMBER**

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE

Contact Ben on 07966 973901 or  
[bbushtennis@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bbushtennis@yahoo.co.uk)

Payment can be made via bacs once your place has been confirmed:  
Sort code: 11-05-04 Account: 11357666 Ref: GMJ (followed by child's name)



### Great Moor Junior School Spanish Club

Three-week trial now available!

Join us next term for our fun Spanish club, taking place on Wednesdays after school. We are now offering a three-week trial to all new customers. To enrol your child, please follow the link below. There are limited spaces left and these will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Learning a language at a young age helps children to grow in self-confidence and boosts their natural creativity. At Kidslingo, we are dedicated to teaching Spanish to children through fun. We use stories, games, songs, role play and drama to bring the language to life and inspire our learners.



#### Class details:

- Wednesdays, 3.15-4.15
- £7.75 per session payable each term in advance\*
- We will issue vocabulary sheets, reward certificates and worksheets
- You will receive FREE access to the Kidslingo games website with over 250 games in Spanish and French

#### What do parents say about our clubs?

"He loves it and it's amazing what words he has picked up at such a young age. The additional links to games and worksheets are also lovely, allowing me to talk to him about what he has learnt during the sessions...Really pleased." - Emma B

"It's really inspired her and given her more confidence in herself and what she can achieve. I can't thank the teacher enough. Worth every penny and would thoroughly recommend" - Kelly A

To register your child, please go to the following link  
[www.kidslingo.co.uk/area/spanish-classes-east-stockport-ne-cheshire/](http://www.kidslingo.co.uk/area/spanish-classes-east-stockport-ne-cheshire/)  
Please book early to avoid disappointment.

**\*\*EARY BIRD OFFER\*\*** Book before 25<sup>th</sup> July to receive free access to our online games site over the summer holidays!

If you have any questions, please email [laura.holden@kidslingo.co.uk](mailto:laura.holden@kidslingo.co.uk).



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